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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 265468

ADOPTED ON APR 21 1986

WHEREAS, Bum, a part Saint Bernard and San Diego's official Town Dog, was born in San Francisco on July 3, 1886; and

WHEREAS, in 1887, Bum stowed away on a steamer to San Diego where he was befriended and cared for by a local Chinese fisherman, Ah Wo Sue; and

WHEREAS, feeling he had no one master and wanting to be out on his own, Bum did not stay with Ah Wo Sue, but roamed about and was welcomed everywhere, with restaurants and meat markets not only feeding him, but considering it a distinction to hang a sign in the window saying, "Bum Eats Here"; and

WHEREAS, Bum led most parades and processions in town, accompanied fire engines to fires, rode the trolley, bus, ferry and train (even to Los Angeles for days at a time) and used the judge's chair at the courthouse as a resting place; and

WHEREAS, Bum was granted a permanent dog license by the San Diego City Council; and

WHEREAS, although Bum became addicted to alcohol after some cruel men forced him to drink liquor, Ah Wo Sue came to his rescue and he went "on the wagon" for life; and

WHEREAS, when Bum was crippled with rheumatism, the City came to his rescue and he spent his final days at the County Poor Farm; and

WHEREAS, when Bum died in 1897, he was honored with a large public funeral, paid for by the pennies of the children of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Bum lives today in the hearts and minds of San Diegans through Marie Hitchcock, San Diego's official Puppet Lady, and her book, "A Dog Called Bum"; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that in celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth, the week of June 30 through July 6, 1986, be declared "Bum Week" in San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all San Diegans are encouraged to recall with fondness the feeling of hometown pride and togetherness that Bum, our Town Dog, helped create.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Jack Katz, Chief Deputy

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